

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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About the Office:

The Narcotic and Dangerous Drug Section (NDDS) supervises and has responsibility for enforcing federal statutes pertaining to narcotic drugs and other controlled substances. The Section advises the Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice and other federal officials involved in drug enforcement on all matters relating to federal narcotics law enforcement including proposed and enacted legislation, policy, enforcement initiatives, and criminal and civil litigation. The Section has direct litigation responsibilities in significant investigations and prosecutions targeting national and international narcotics trafficking and money laundering organizations.

Responsibilities and

Opportunity Offered:

Policy Unit attorneys participate in drafting domestic and international narcotics legislation, strategies and statements of policy addressing challenging topics such as: precursor and essential chemical control, synthetic drugs and anabolic steroids, drug paraphernalia, domestic marijuana, hemp cultivation, and federal sentencing guideline issues. Policy Unit attorneys support the United States Attorneys and their assistants by responding to inquiries relating to substantive, procedural and policy matters. The Unit publishes a variety of training manuals, handbooks, and a periodic newsletter to aid federal state prosecutors in investigating and prosecuting violations of the federal narcotics laws. Policy Unit attorneys litigate appeals arising from cases prosecuted by the Section, U.S. Attorney Offices when requested, and appeals of denials or revocation of licenses and registrations by the Drug Enforcement Administration. Policy Unit attorneys provide support for international investigative and prosecutive efforts, assist foreign governments in drafting effective counter-narcotics legislation and developing national and international drug strategies. Policy Unit attorneys participate in international fora including the UN Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the OAS CICAD hemispheric counter drug alliance.

Drug Intelligence Unit attorneys are responsible for program management and the resolution of legal issues relating to the use of certain special investigative techniques in the investigations and prosecution of narcotics trafficking organizations. Attorneys in the Drug Intelligence Unit also review and draft comments on matters relating to a variety of narcotics related intelligence matters.

Qualifications:

Required qualifications: Interested parties must possess a J.D. degree, be admitted to practice before the bar of any U.S. jurisdiction and be an active member of that bar and have at least three (3) years post-J.D. experience.

Preferred qualifications: The ability to read, speak and write Spanish is preferred but not required.

Travel:

Occasional travel will be required.

Salary Information:

GS-13: \$74,782 - \$97,213 per annum
GS-14: \$88,369 - \$114,882 per annum
GS-15: \$103,947 - \$135,136 per annum

Location: The position is located in Washington, DC

Relocation Expenses: Relocation expenses are not authorized.

Submission Process and Deadline Date: To apply for this position, please submit a resume and/or OF-612 (Optional Application for Federal Employment), a cover letter (highlighting relevant experience), a writing sample (not to exceed 10 pages), and a current performance appraisal (if applicable) to:

U.S. Department of Justice
Narcotic and Dangerous Drug Section
1400 New York Ave., NW, Room 11102
Washington, DC 20005
Attn: Charlene Briggs-Plunkett

A current SF-171 (Application for Federal Employment) will be accepted as well.

No telephone calls please. The closing date of this announcement is July 8, 2005. Applications sent through the mail, must be received by the closing date. Current salary and years of litigation experience will determine the appropriate salary.

Internet Sites: _____ Other attorney vacancy announcements can be found at: www.usdoj.gov/oarm/attvacancies

Department Policies: *The U.S. Department of Justice is an Equal Opportunity/Reasonable Accommodation Employer. Except where otherwise provided by law, there will be no discrimination based on color, race, religion, national origin, politics, marital status, disability, age, sex, sexual orientation, status as a parent, membership or nonmembership in an employee organization, or personal favoritism. The Department of Justice welcomes and encourages applications from persons with physical and mental disabilities. The Department is firmly committed to satisfying its affirmative obligations under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 to ensure that persons with disabilities have every opportunity to be hired and advanced on the basis of merit within the Department of Justice. This agency provides reasonable accommodation to applicants with disabilities where appropriate. If you need a reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process, please notify the agency. Determinations on requests for reasonable accommodation will be made on a case-by-case basis.*

It is the policy of the Department to achieve a drug-free workplace and persons selected for employment will be required to pass a drug test which screens for illegal drug use prior to final appointment. Employment is also contingent upon the completion and satisfactory adjudication of a background investigation. Only U.S. citizens are eligible for employment with the Executive Office for Immigration Review and the United States Attorneys' Offices. Unless otherwise indicated in a particular job advertisement, non-U.S. citizens may apply for employment with other organizations, but should be advised that appointments of non-U.S. citizens are extremely rare; such appointments would be possible only if necessary to accomplish the Department's mission and would be subject to strict security requirements. Applicants who hold dual citizenship in the U.S. and another country will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

There is no formal rating system for applying veterans' preference to attorney appointments in the excepted service; however, the Department of Justice considers veterans' preference eligibility as a positive factor in attorney hiring. Applicants eligible for veterans' preference are encouraged to include that information in their cover letter or resume and attach supporting documentation (e.g., the DD 214 or other substantiating documents) to their submissions.